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SUBJECT: THIEU SPEAKS IN PHANRANG JUNE 14

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1. WISH TO CALL DEPARTMENT'S ATTENTION TO REFERENCED FBIS TRANSMISSION OF FULL TEXT OF A SEVEN-MINUTE SPEECH DELIVERED JUNE 14 BY PRESIDENT THIEU IN PHAN RANG, NINH THUAN PROVINCE. PRESIDENT THIEU SPOKE ON THE OCCASION OF THE DEDICATION OF A SUGAR REFINERY.

2. PRESIDENT THIEU HAILED PROSPECTS FOR THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF HIS NATIVE PROVINCE, BUT HE DEVOTED MOST OF HIS SPEECH TO DENOUNCING COMMUNISTS AND NEUTRALISTS. HE EMPHASIZED THAT THE ARMY CANNOT "DO EVERYTHING;" THAT "THE PEOPLE MUST ELIMINATE THE COMMUNIST INFRASTRUCTURE.... IF THE COMMUNISTS LAY A HAND ON OUR PEOPLE ONCE, WE WILL LAY A HAND ON THEM TEN TIMES." HE URGED THE PEOPLE TO COOPERATE WITH THE ARMY AND TO EMULATE THE HOA HAO AND
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CAO DAI IN SEEKING OUT AND DESTROYING LOCAL COMMUNIST ORGANIZERS.

3. PRESIDENT THIEU THEN WARNED THAT TO DEAL WITH THE COMMUNISTS IS LIKE "TAKING A POISON PILL." "WE MUST OPPOSE THE COMMUNISTS," HE SAID. "LET US NOT TALK ABOUT THE THIRD PARTY, NEUTRALITY OR PRO-COMMUNIST FACTIONS. THERE IS NO THIRD OR FOURTH PARTY.... IN OUR COUNTRY, THERE ARE ONLY TWO FORCES: THE ANTI-COMMUNIST NATIONALIST FORCE AND THE COMMUNIST FORCE. THE COMMUNISTS ARE THE MINORITY. WE ARE MORE NUMEROUS THAN THE COMMUNISTS. WE MUST ELIMINATE THEM."
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